

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 3 through 6 with the following amended paragraph:

In some embodiments, transport belt is made from, for example, a woven polyester such as, for example, or a reinforced polyurethane. The transport belt can have a thickness of about 0.09 inch, and the holes of the transport belt can be spaced apart by about 1 inch, and have a diameter of about 0.1 inch.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 13 through 19 with the following amended paragraph:

The transport belt 18 is provided with holes 100 (FIG. 2B) that extend through the thickness of the belt, each having a diameter of about 0.1 inch, which are spaced apart from one another by about one inch. The belt 18 is a woven polyester ~~made from reinforced polyurethane,~~ and has a thickness of about 0.09 inch. The woven polyester minimizes stretching of the belt 18 and thus provides high stepping accuracy and uniform vacuum distribution. Alternatively, the belt can be made from stainless steel having a thickness of about 0.008 inch. The belt 18 could also be made from a reinforced polyurethane.